

Minutes of the Executive Meeting of the NSWVGA held at the Bankstown Golf Club on Thursday the 4th August 2016 commencing at 9.45am.

Chairman: Dick Farrant.

Attendees: John Dixon (V/Pres), Col Darley (Clr), Kel Pearce (Clr), Brian Graham (Gp21 observer), Paul Horton (Webmaster), Bob Coulson (Gp5 observer), David Gunner (Treasurer), Les Mann (Gp31 observer), Stuart Dossetor (Clr), Richard Doyle (Clr), Les Knox (Gp20 observer), Len Payne (Secretary).

In attendance: Lance Frederick (Gp3, Golf NSW), Lyn Walker (President, VWGANSW) from 11a.m.

Obituaries: Bill Lees (Dubbo), Norm Leffler (Callala), Ali Graziano (Broken Hill), Bob Harrison (Pt. Kembla), David Henry DFC (L/member Gp6).

Apologies: Ian Vidler (V/Pres), Chris Evans (Clr), Ron Simmons (Clr), John Buttle (Gp2 observer). Motion to receive apologies moved Richard Doyle, seconded Stuart Dossetor – carried.

Minutes of previous Meeting of NSWVGA Executive Meeting held Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, as previously circulated, were accepted on motion of David Gunner seconded Col Darley – carried.

Matters arising:

1. The Ridge VGC – President Dick advised they are still forming their Veterans golf club & will be part of Metropolitan Gp5.
2. Combined Sandgreen Championships with Golf NSW: Walcha 2016, then probably Holbrook in 2017, Narromine expressed interest in conducting a combined one in 2018.
3. Remainder of attendance roster for 2016 was determined, with a query on Junee & Walcha Sandgreens attendee from NSWVGA.

## **COMMUNICATIONS and SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Correspondence: In:

1. 14.7.2016 – E-mail advice of incoming Acting Group Secretary details for Group 6.
2. 15.7.2016 - E-mail from NSW Grandparents Committee with application form for grant applications for NSW Grandparents Day (closing 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016).
3. 29.7.2015 - Flyer from Norfolk Island Travel Centre advising of their Veterans & other golf Tournaments.
4. 1.8.2016 – E-mail from Secretary Group 32 (Albury/Thurgoona), advising of their decision to de-affiliate from NSWVGA.
5. 2.8.2016 – E-mail from Captain Ballina Vets Golf Committee seeking clarification of Policy Guideline no.2 regarding “elimination of prize recipients” from further major prizes.
6. President tabled a late e-mail from T/Co-ordinator Ian Vidler.

Out: Nil.

Motion to adopt Correspondence, moved Col Darley seconded Kel Pearce – carried.

Business Arising: Item 4 – disaffiliation Group 32. It was directed that Secretary write to Group Secretary accepting this with regret & advising that if at any time they wished to re-affiliate they would be welcome.

Re item 5: Clr Kel Pearce will advise Ballina on this.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

### **President's Report to the NSWVGA Council Meeting August 4<sup>th</sup> 2016**

#### Insurance:

This matter has been expanded on fully in previous reports but it is worthwhile noting that Secretary Len Payne and myself have copies of all three certificates of currency for the policies relevant to the NSWVGA.

#### AVGU Championships:

There are still some spaces available for the AVGU Championships to be played in Adelaide in November. Please refer to the NSWVGA website and download necessary information from the 2016 program which can be found under "downloads".

The 2017 AVGU Championships are to be conducted on the Gold Coast in October next year and it appears that some of the resort courses will be used which will elevate the entry fee. Go Golfing has been brought on board to help with the production of the event in order to give more prestige to the annual national championships.

The 2018 AVGU Championships are to be held in the Port Stephens region in November of that year and director Dave Flatt reports that his committee is meeting regularly in order to provide a great event on behalf of the NSWVGA. Regis (retirement villages) has accepted the role of naming sponsor and the committee is now in the process of chasing up lesser sponsorships. A report from David on the preparations in place will be tabled at this meeting and will appear in the minutes.

#### Medals and Shields:

In preparation for the remainder of this year another 24 medals have been ordered and Group Secretaries are reminded that the offer of a medal for your group, together with associated voucher, is available simply by contacting Treasurer David Gunner at [sleepyvalley@hotmail.com](mailto:sleepyvalley@hotmail.com), and this offer also applies to Groups where there are sufficient women members of the NSWVGA.

Two new tournament shields have been ordered for Port Stephens together with a women's shield for Tumut. Tournament Directors are also reminded that the Association will replace shields that are now full and also provide shields for the women competitors for those events which have not yet taken up the offer made over two years ago. Please contact the President to order same.

#### New Banners:

To supplement the use of NSWVGA flags and tear drop banners investigations are taking place re the use of pull up banners. These will prove a little easier to carry around but are for indoor use only. They would be very useful at entrances to clubs and at the presentation dinners. This meeting will discuss this matter further. Part of this exercise has been excellent input from a graphic designer in updating the NSWVGA logo.

#### 2016 NSWVGA AGM:

Due to at least two members of the current Council not seeking re-election at the forthcoming AGM on November 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be vacancies to be filled. Consideration to nominate for Council should be considered by those members who believe they have something to offer veteran golf at the state level. Nomination forms will be distributed to all Group Secretaries in October so anyone interested in this should contact their secretary.

Motion to receive President's Report moved Richard Doyle seconded Kel Pearce – carried.

Business Arising: President reported that Golf NSW will provide their usual Trophies; NSWVGA will provide appropriate Trophies, one trophy only per player for winners.

President also advised that Golf NSW have again donated \$1,000 which it is intended to use in Sandgreen events.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Treasurer's Report:

**BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 13.5.16 to 20.6.16**

|                               |  |  |  |             |  |             |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------|--|-------------|--|
|                               |  |  |  |             |  |             |  |
| Opening Balance as at 13.5.16 |  |  |  |             |  | \$36,958.72 |  |
| Income                        |  |  |  |             |  |             |  |
| Affiliation Fees              |  |  |  | \$309.00    |  |             |  |
| Registration fees W.O.G.      |  |  |  | \$980.00    |  |             |  |
| Interest                      |  |  |  | \$24.92     |  |             |  |
| Sponsorship                   |  |  |  | \$1,300.00  |  |             |  |
| Adm Income                    |  |  |  | \$36.00     |  |             |  |
| Total income                  |  |  |  | \$2,649.92  |  |             |  |
| Expenses                      |  |  |  |             |  |             |  |
| Councillors to meetings       |  |  |  | \$2,809.40  |  |             |  |
| Councillors to tournaments    |  |  |  | \$1,324.00  |  |             |  |
| Vouchers                      |  |  |  | \$4,335.00  |  |             |  |
| Web Site                      |  |  |  | \$569.85    |  |             |  |
| Meeting Exp                   |  |  |  | \$108.00    |  |             |  |
| Postage                       |  |  |  | \$118.95    |  |             |  |
| Printing/Stationary           |  |  |  | \$108.25    |  |             |  |
| Phone                         |  |  |  | \$150.00    |  |             |  |
| Insurance                     |  |  |  | \$2,188.18  |  |             |  |
| Honorary                      |  |  |  | \$500.00    |  |             |  |
| Total Expenses                |  |  |  | \$12,211.63 |  |             |  |
| Closing Balance as at 29.6.16 |  |  |  |             |  | \$27,387.01 |  |
| Cash Assests as at 13.5.16    |  |  |  |             |  |             |  |
| Greater Building Society      |  |  |  |             |  | \$38,000.00 |  |
| matures on 6.11.16 at 3%      |  |  |  |             |  |             |  |
| Vouchers for Weeks of Golf    |  |  |  |             |  | \$2,745.00  |  |
| Total Assets                  |  |  |  |             |  | \$40,745.00 |  |

Treasurer advised that where shown as 13.5.2016 it should be 13.7.2016 & closing balance should read as at 29.7.2016. The \$1,000 donation of Golf NSW is shown in the sponsorship column. With these corrections and advice Treasurer's Report was received on motion of Kel Pearce seconded Len Payne – carried.

**WEBMASTER'S REPORT:**

# Webmaster's Report July 2016

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## NSWVGA Group Logos

There are many veteran groups still using outdated logos, the official across the board logo was supposed to change to accord with the parent body logo ten years ago. Nothing has been done officially to ensure we all conform to the standard logo which was re-designed by the late Rex Tate many years ago!

Perhaps we should re-visit this position so each group can have its own logo. *Individual groups could be identified within our current logo* if we chose to go down that path.

## Utilising Your Web Page

The good news is more veteran groups are utilising their NSWVGA web page to display results, local advertising, meetings and upcoming events. Each news item is also displayed on our main NSWVGA News Page although each item can be accessed via the Group Home Page, where it is easier to locate older news items at any time.

Rand Wilson the Group Secretary for Southern Riverina has added SRVGA to the growing group list of local webpage users and the Ad for the 'Outback Golf Challenge' in October. The ad appeared on the NSWVGA website 25<sup>th</sup> July is for *everybody*. The major support for this event comes from *the local area veterans* so the promotion will get a good run. Their major sponsor is local also so I passed the presence of NSWVGA website advertising on to Dawmac Industries (*Berrigan & Finley*). The officials at Dawmac welcomed the feedback and wanted to know more about what else we do!

## The Website

The website depends on *news* for our regular readers and as an information base for our casual readers who visit only when planning their next *veteran golf tour*. Quick News seems to be getting good user feedback and I do get the occasional *news tip* from various readers and group leaders trying to generate some interest among their local members. Unfortunately getting results continues to be a hard slug chasing them up and my argument as always is this, *the results are known by Presentation Night or Day*, which at the latest is Friday afternoon.

All I need is results, *some attendance figures*, acknowledgement of your sponsors and a few general words as to how things went for the week! Strangely enough it is generally the same TD's or organisers who request *extra new item advertising* to attract a few more players, or those who have a good grumble when attendance numbers are down, who are the ones sending results in a week after the event has finished.

The most important news item is *who won the NSWVGA trophies*, because that is where our investment in each event lies. As for the NSWVGA Shield they hardly get a mention any more, probably because a number are still missing! I have complained about this for a long time to no avail.

The website continues to expand its area of readership with 399,808 hits (*sponsor related-monthly*) and 12,180+ visits (*people seeking*) information and reading, purpose related visits average 350-600+ per day.

## Finally

Toronto is the only event where no Week of Golf information available on the website!

Webmaster

also reported that membership of NSWGA currently stands at 16,300 including 1,250 women. Following discussion of failure of some Tournament Directors' to provide timely results to Webmaster for website, Webmaster agreed to provide a pro-forma model on website for all T/Directors to utilise to try & ensure accurate, timely results reports. Motion to accept Webmaster's report moved Col Darley seconded Richard Doyle – carried.

Lyn Walker, President Women's VGA NSW then joined the meeting & was warmly welcomed.

The issue of possibly combining our W.O.G events with Ladies events & placing both in our handbook & on website was explored; it was agreed to place their major events on both in 2017. These are 3 two day events in country areas, plus 1 single day event also in the country. Lyn also advised that one of their Metropolitan events would be held at Kooindah Waters in 2017 to increase Regional events.

She also spoke about both Vets. Associations working constructively together, especially in supporting Veteran Golf events in country areas. President Dick suggested that following our combining with Golf NSW for our Sandgreen Championships, that there may be an opportunity for Women's VGA to seek similar combined events with Golf NSW. Lyn agreed this may be possible, she also advised that they have an upcoming event at Warren NSW which is 12 grass plus 6 sand greens & that this their only event involving any Sandgreen courses.

#### **TOURNAMENT and MATCH COMMITTEE:**

In absence of Tournament Co-Ordinator, a brief report was presented reporting that the Sawtell trial event went well with 100 players each day & 130 attending the dinner. It will be an auspicious event in 2017. Motion to formally accept Sawtell W.O.G into our 2017 program was moved Kel Pearce, seconded Stuart Dossetor – carried.

It was also reported that the Parkes event is attracting interest, entry forms forwarded to prospective players by T/Director.

The new Tournament Director for Maclean is Geoff Grayson; T/Director for Shoalhaven unknown as yet.

Motion to adopt Tournament & match Committee reports moved Stuart Dossetor, seconded John Dixon.

Meeting then adjourned at 12.30p.m. for lunch, resuming at 1.p.m.

**2018 AVGU CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**12 – 16 NOVEMBER 2018 - PORT STEPHENS NSW**  
**PROGRESS REPORT TO NSWGVA COUNCIL**  
**4 AUGUST 2016**

Dear NSWVGA Council members,

Unfortunately I am again unable to attend your meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Below is a summary of progress since my report to your previous meeting in May.

**1. REGIS AGED CARE APPOINTED AS NAMING RIGHTS SPONSOR**

We are now in a position to announce that **REGIS AGED CARE** has signed on as **NAMING RIGHTS SPONSOR** for the event. Last week we received the first of their progress payments. If you remember from our Sponsorship Prospectus, we were asking for \$15000 for the Naming Rights Sponsor. We did negotiate down a little from that figure, but as we are still seeking Gold Sponsors for \$10,000 and Silver for \$5000, we would prefer to keep the final figure confidential. Regis have agreed to pay 25% of their sponsorship in June/July 2016, 50% in June/July 2017 and the final 25% in June/July 2018.

We are still waiting for the Regis people to arrange for a media launch to announce the sponsorship but the people concerned are very busy at the moment.

**2. TOURNAMENT OPERATING SYSTEM**

One of our main aims at this stage has been to select an operating system that would cover all aspects of the tournament organisation from initial marketing through to the processing and publishing of results. Through my involvement in the AVGU Championship Liaison Group, I have been in contact with Ron Armstrong, Tournament Director for the 2017 AVGU Championships at the Gold Coast. They have decided to use the GO GOLFING company to carry out all these functions for them. By doing so they have been able to take advantage of all systems already set up by GO GOLFING, as well as access to their extensive data base. The link to the 2017 Championships website is to be launched on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 so it should be accessible by the time of your meeting. However the direct link I have been given is

[www.gogolfing.net.au/vets](http://www.gogolfing.net.au/vets)

The link to the booking form is <http://www.gogolfing.net.au/golf-tournaments/vets/booking-form/>

Peter McCarthy, Managing Director for GO GOLFING is flying down to meet with our Organising Committee on Thursday 11 August. His presentation will be to outline what GO GOLFING can offer us in carrying out these many functions, but crucially, what the cost would be. The fee to be paid to GO GOLFING for their services could range from per capita fee to a percentage of profits or sponsorship (or a combination of these).

The bottom line will be the impact on the cost of entry. If we do go with GO GOLFING we are hopeful that we can provide a high quality tournament at an affordable cost. The entry fee for the Gold Coast event of \$495 is considerably higher than for previous AVGU Championships, but we are hopeful of negotiating an arrangement that doesn't pass on so much of the costs to the participants.

**SPONSORSHIP**

We have a several Sponsorship approaches in the pipeline at the moment but other than that we have put this on hold until after we meet with GO GOLFING. They have allegedly raised \$60,000 in sponsorship for the



2017 event, and we may be better to use their experience and contacts to more effectively drive our sponsorship attempts.

### **1. COMMUNICATION**

Thank you very much to Dick Farrant for the suggestions and comments he sent me following your previous meeting. We will continue to work hard on this aspect, and we will have further proposals to put forward. Perhaps a question would be, how many of us have seen posters or entry forms for the 2016 Adelaide event in our Vets clubs or Golf Clubs? The 2017 organisers are confident they will achieve a massive difference in the publicising of their event, so we will watch that with interest.

Whatever happens we will be relying heavily on the NSWVGA communication system to publicise our event to the NSWVGA members.

### **2. LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP**

Thank you again to Dick Farrant for the comments he sent regarding a full national championship for Ladies. I notice on the 2017 entry form that they are still accepting entries from ladies who are partners of affiliated AVGU members (Males). We still hold the view that ALL participants (male and female) should be affiliated members of the AVGU. I don't know if it would be too controversial for the NSWVGA delegate to the AVGU conference in Adelaide to suggest that for our event the NSWVGA would be happy to register any ladies from states that don't accept ladies as members.

### **3. COMPETITION FORMAT**

Perhaps another matter for the NSWVGA delegate to the Adelaide conference is to enquire if the format of a Stroke event for all grades is set in stone by the AVGU. There could be a view that a stroke event is suitable for a national championships in A and even B grades, but does an Organising Committee have the power to run C and D grades in a Stableford format? We would be interested to know if this is possible for the 2018 event.

I hope the above provides a good overview of our progress so far. Please feel free to send me any questions or comments. I really hope to be able to make it to one of your meetings in the near future.

David Flatt  
2018 AVGU Championships Tournament Director  
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20 July 2016

In presenting this report of David Flatt's, President Dick advised that whilst the entry fee of \$495 may be considered high, he understands that they are utilising resort courses on the Gold Coast & these may have compulsory use of provided carts, which makes the charges understandable.

In respect of the issues of ladies Championship & the competition format raised in the report, President Dick said that as NSWVGA delegate to the AVGU meeting in Adelaide on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 he will certainly raise these issues, after the meeting endorsed seeking that A grade remain as stroke , & B,C & D grades be made Stableford competitions.

Motion to receive 2018 update Report moved David Gunner seconded John Dixon – carried.

## **WEEKS OF GOLF SHORT REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Brief verbal additional reports to those listed in the Week of golf reports addendum to these minutes were tendered from Pt. Kembla (Dick Farrant), Buckett's Way (Stuart Dosseter), Pt. Stephens (John Dixon), Nambucca & Maclean (Len Payne), Far South Coast (Dick Farrant) & Ballina (Kel Pearce). Motion to receive W.O.G. Reports moved Col Darley seconded John Dixon – carried.

## **ZONE REPORTS:**

**Zone 1** – Col Darley advised all well.

Zone 2 – Dick Farrant advised on some issues at Port Kembla G.C.

Zone 3 – Len Payne advised that issues within Group 6 were being addressed; that in Group 8 Stonebridge was now renamed Cessnock & that Group 9 were experiencing welcome growth.

Zone 4 – Kel Pearce advised that Group 14 Northern Rivers were growing. Len Payne advised that Group 13 were still without a Group Secretary with John Plummer acting & that Group 34 (Grafton) also had no Group Secretary & Trevor Townsend was still acting.

Zone 6 – John Dixon advised no issues currently.

Zone 7 – Stuart Dosseter also advised there were no current issues, except for Group 32 dis-affiliating.

Motion to receive Zone reports received moved John Dixon seconded Kel Pearce – carried.

## **MATTERS ON NOTICE:**

### **1. Receipt & discussion of updated 2018 AVGU Steering Committee Progress report.**

No further action as this had already been dealt with in Reports.

### **2. Consideration of roles/responsibilities with succession planning & recognitions.**

As allocation of roles/responsibilities were dependent on the outcome of the upcoming election, it was determined that succession planning could not be considered at this time.

President Dick then handed over the meeting to V/Pres. John Dixon & left & a discussion was held on the appropriate way to recognize outstanding service with agreement being reached & responsibilities allocated.

**General Business:** President Dick then returned & resumed the chair & sought confirmation of future meeting dates so as to provide continuity. After discussion these were confirmed as – next meeting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016. AGM – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 .Final 2016 meeting Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. It was also agreed that the first meeting for 2017 be Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017.

2. Banners – President reported on search for roll-up type banners & costing. These are available at a cost of \$171 – President to provide one at next meeting for consideration.
3. Appointment of a Patron – A suggestion was made that NSWVGA may benefit from the appointment of a Patron. This will require a Notice of Motion to the AGM to set up the position, which is voted on annually with a possible role of chairing AGM elections. Col Darley & Stuart Dossetor agreed to furnish a Notice of Motion prior to the October meeting, in time for AGM on this.
4. Secretary advised of the need to prepare for the 2017 handbook. It was confirmed that print run remain at 15,000 & that advertising within book cost remain at \$150 per page, with front & back inside pages extra. Secretary to seek two quotes for printing.
5. Richard Doyle tabled his report on ‘admission of ungrouped clubs to membership of NSWVGA. It was agreed that the sub-committee on this do editorial work on Richard’s excellent submission & that the matter would then be determined at the next meeting.

With no further business, chairman closed the meeting at 2.15 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at Bankstown Golf Club.**